

EDUCATION SOCIETY REPORT.

In presenting their annual report, the Committee are gratified in being able to state that the attendance at the Seminary during the year has been satisfactorily sustained. From the list of Students and Pupils it will appear that fifty-three had been in attendance either the whole year, or part of the time, of whom thirty six were present at the annual examination in June.

The friends of the Society will rejoice to learn that two esteemed brethren, Messrs. Emerson and Hughes, Licentiates for the Ministry, have availed themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Institution for prosecuting their studies during the week, and on the Sabbath have been engaged in preaching the Gospel in the vicinity of Frederickton. If young men of active disposition, who, possessing the essential pre-requisite of piety, are also gifted with a talent for communicating their thoughts, were encouraged to acquire knowledge, and secure for themselves that mental discipline and culture which are requisite for the enforcement of truth and conviction of error, it would not only be a lasting benefit to the rising ministers themselves, but would eminently tend to the edification of the church, and their consequent establishment in the faith. And where a settled Minister cannot be supported, which ought not to be neglected without the most urgent necessity, the next most eligible method of supplying the deficiency is to secure the service of some such young man on the Lord's day, and cheerfully allow him to pursue his studies in the interval, and at the same time provide him with the requisite means of defraying the expences that he must of necessity incur. Certainly such an arrangement seems far preferable to the plan of relying upon chance supplies, or allowing the meetings for worship to be almost if not entirely neglected.

The Committee received from the Treasurer of the General Union the sum of £20 9s. 1½d. as appears from the cash account; in accordance with suggestions often made by valuable friends of the cause, they appropriated £5 from the general fund for the purpose of enabling Brother Hughes to continue his studies at the Seminary.

It is expected that the usual legislative grant will be received this year as heretofore, but the accounts have been made up before the grant has actually been issued, in order that they might be in time presented at the Eastern Association. When the cash account is fully settled, it will appear that a reduction of more than £12 has been effected upon the debt of the Society since last year.

The new arrangement for supplying the Steward's department has effected during the year, and the Committee desire to express their entire satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Steward have fulfilled the duties of that office, and they can with confidence invite Parents to make trial of the boarding establishment for their children in connexion with the School.

The Committee cannot close without adverting to the favourable position occupied by the denomination in reference to education, and to continue united in their efforts to promote it, and but evince